

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

APRIL 23, 1858.—Ordered to be printed.

Mr. SIMMONS made the following

REPORT.

[To accompany bill S. 284.]

The Committee on Claims, to whom was referred the petition of C. E. Habicht, administrator of J. W. P. Lewis, report :

This claim is based upon the following facts, which appear from a statement of the accounting officers of the treasury, accompanying the petition : Mr. Lewis was appointed United States agent for the construction of a light-house on Sand Key, in Florida. On a settlement of his accounts, in April, 1853, a balance was found against him of \$9,652 66, while he claimed a balance, as due him, of \$2,400 24. On the 22d June, 1857, a further settlement was made, by which a further allowance was made on vouchers which had been suspended or disallowed in the previous settlement, amounting to \$9,652 66, which balanced his accounts on the books of the treasury and exhausted the appropriation for the Sand Key light-house, leaving still outstanding, of the amount of suspended and disallowed items, the sum of \$2,400 24. Further vouchers were presented on the 28th December, 1857, upon which further allowances were made by the accounting officers, amounting in the aggregate to \$2,238 47. This sum, thus finally decided to be due to the claimant's intestate, is now suspended for no other cause, as stated by the accounting officers, "than the want of an appropriation available for the settlement thereof." Under this state of facts the committee report a bill for the payment of that sum.

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